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In re Application :  
Patricelli :  
Application No. 10/049,164 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
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This is a decision on the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b)," filed March 23, 2006.

Applicant herein has not disputed the patent term adjustment (PTA) accorded to date (220 days). Instead, the instant application for patent term adjustment requests reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.703(b) of the patent term adjustment as it relates to the Office's failure to issue the patent within three years of the filing date. A decision is being **held in abeyance** until after the actual patent date. Knowledge of the actual date the patent issues is required to calculate the amount, if any, of additional patent term for Office failure to issue the patent within three years. See, 37 CFR 1.703(b).

Applicants are given **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the issue date of the patent to file a written request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for Office failure to issue the patent within three years. A copy of this decision should accompany the request. Applicants may seek such consideration without payment of an additional fee. However, as to all other bases for seeking reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent, all requirements of 37 CFR 1.705(d) must be met. Requests for reconsideration on other bases must be timely filed and must include payment of the required fee.

Applicant is reminded that if an application is entitled to an adjustment under 35 USC 154(b)(1)(B), the entire period during which the application was pending (except for periods excluded under 35 USC 154(b)(1)(B)(i)-(iii)), and not just the period beginning three years after the actual filing date of the application, is the period of delay under 35 USC 154(b)(1)(B) in


determining whether periods of delay overlap under 35 USC 154(b)(2)(A).

Thus, any days of delay for Office issuance of the patent more than three years after the filing date of the application which overlap with the days of patent term adjustment accorded prior to the issuance of the patent will not result in any additional patent term adjustment. See, 35 USC 154(b)(1)(B), 35 USC 154(b)(2)(A), and 37 CFR § 1.703(f). See, also, *Revision of Patent Term Extension and Patent Term Adjustment Provisions; Final Rule*, 69 Fed. Reg. 21704 (April 22, 2004).

The required patent term adjustment application fee has been charged to applicant's deposit account as authorized. No additional fee will be required if applicant is solely requesting reconsideration of additional time related to failing to issue the patent within three years in accordance with 37 CFR 1.702(b).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

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